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(U) Oakland - US, Russia Request Czechs Extradite Arrested Russian Hacker

(U) The United States and Russia have both requested the extradition of a Russian arrested in Prague and indicted in the US for hacking computers of social media companies, the Czech justice ministry said on Wednesday. The ministry will review the requests for the extradition of Yevgeniy Nikulin, who a US federal grand jury said had hacked into the US-based social media companies LinkedIn, Dropbox and Formspring. Czech police detained Nikulin in October in Prague, where he remains in custody. His arrest was carried out in cooperation with the US Federal Bureau of Investigation. A federal grand jury in Oakland, California, indicted him on 21 October.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, Reuters

(U) NATIONAL

(U) New York - US-Iranian Citizen Convicted in US for Trying to Buy Missiles for Iran

(U) Manhattan – A dual citizen of Iran and the United States was found guilty on Tuesday on charges that he tried to help acquire surface-to-air missiles and aircraft components for the government of Iran in violation of US sanctions. Reza Olangian, 56, was convicted by a federal jury in Manhattan on all four counts he faced, including conspiring to acquire and transfer anti-aircraft missiles. Olangian faces a mandatory minimum prison sentence of 25 years and a maximum of life. He is scheduled to be sentenced on 13 March 2017.

SOURCE: 22 November 2016, Reuters

(U) Michigan - Officer in Detroit in Critical Condition Following Shooting

(U) Detroit – An on-duty police officer who works for Wayne State University was shot in the head while off-campus on Tuesday evening. The officer, identified as 29-year-old Colin Rose, was investigating reports of stolen property in the area near campus when witnesses said the officer was shot during an attempted arrest. When officers responded to the scene, Rose was transported to the hospital for emergency surgery. University president M. Roy Wilson announced that the officer survived the operation and is recovering, but has a long road ahead of him.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, Fox News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Colombia - Government, FARC Rebels to Sign New Peace Deal on Thursday

(U) Bogota – A new peace deal between Colombia's government and Marxist FARC rebels will be signed on Thursday then sent to Congress for approval, President Juan Manuel Santos said Tuesday, which would bring a formal end to Colombia's 52-year civil war. The new document was revised from a prior agreement that was defeated by referendum on Oct. 2, and will be signed in Bogota between FARC leader Rodrigo Londono and President Santos, who won the Nobel Peace Prize last month for his efforts to end the conflict.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, Reuters

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(U) China – 3,000 Flee Myanmar Following Outbreak of Fighting Along the Border

(U) Beijing – China is giving shelter to more than 3,000 people who have fled Myanmar after fighting between the government and four ethnic armed groups intensified along the border, Chinese government and state media said on Tuesday. China has been alarmed by the continuing fighting along its porous border with Myanmar, and put its armed forces on high alert. Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said that any wounded among the 3,000 Myanmar refugees have been taken to hospital, but continued to emphasize that "[China] strongly hopes both sides involved in the clash exercise restraint."

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, NY Times

(U) Iran – Iran Warns of Retaliation if US Breaches Nuclear Deal

(U) Tehran – Extending US sanctions on Iran for 10 years would breach the Iranian nuclear agreement, Iran Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei said on Wednesday, warning that Tehran would retaliate if the sanctions are approved. The US House of Representatives re-authorized last week the Iran Sanctions Act, or ISA, for 10 years. The law was first adopted in 1996 to punish investments in Iran's energy industry and deter Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons. The Iran measure will expire at the end of 2016 if it is not renewed. The House bill must still be passed by the Senate and signed by President Barack Obama to become law.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, Reuters

(U) Syria – ISIL Could Launch Gas Attacks Beyond Syria

(U) Damascus – ISIL militants returning from Syria could carry out mustard gas attacks after learning how to use the toxic substance in battle zones, a senior official from the global chemical weapons watchdog warned on Wednesday. An inquiry by the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) concluded in October that Syrian government forces were responsible for chlorine gas attacks and that ISIL militants had used mustard gas. Western officials are increasingly worried that ISIL, which is fighting to defend territory it seized in Syria and Iraq, will call on its followers and jihadists returning from the region to increase attacks in the West.

SOURCE: 23 November 2016, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – Border Patrol Captures Fake County Truck Near Calexico Port of Entry

(U) El Centro – Border Patrol agents responded to an alert that a group of individuals illegally entered the US through an Imperial Irrigation District (IID) hydro-electric plant, stationed across the All-American Canal. When agents arrived at the scene, they found a truck with IID logos parked near a location where suspected illegal immigrants were found. A brief investigation revealed that the truck was a cloned IID with counterfeit decals, and the driver admitted to being involved in an immigrant smuggling scheme. SOURCE: 23 November 2016, NBC

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